Foster Parent 1624 Statewide Consultation Team Meeting Minutes - 07/23/12

Attendance: Headquarters (Region 3 South): Amy Gardner, Mike Canfield, John March, Meri Waterhouse, Scott Steuby, Arthur Fernandez, Theresa Tanoury, Marjorie Fitzgerald, Myra Casey, Peggy Hays, Darcey Hancock, Pam Mahan, Sarah Blanchette, Bill

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Region 1 North: Cindy Gardner, Joey Charlton, Marty Butkovich, Reg. 1 South: Ken Nichols, Jan Hinkle-Rodriguez, Victoria Erwin

Region 2 North: Shala Crow, Debra Ellsworth, Joel Odimba, Kathy Ramsay, Yen Lawlor,

Region 2 South: Talya Miller, Cora Phillips,

Region 3 North: Barb Geiger, Nancy Sutton, Josh Hinman, Elizabeth Griffin-Hall, Tom Stokes, Lyn Okarski

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Work Groups Reporting *FP Questionnaire *Sharing names w/ FP liaisons	Myra's report out on questions for fps who have been involved in a DLR investigation. Names are on application and DLR will work with DLR AAs to find process to ensure this information is shared out with liaisons.			
3 South: *Childcare for Mandatory FP training	CA helps with day care for training for foster parents children in care, FPs can access through worker. This does not cover birth or adopted children. Finding/financing child care is difficult for single parents. Ideas: Satellite facilitation of additional trainings with video access. Could liaisons organize a day care night coinciding with training? Forward any suggestions to John.	John M. send out in access child care we this service Meri - Send out thro	rith info on using	

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	Mandatory training is in classroom - isn't available on line. CA can pay hourly child care rate in the FP's home and may be able to process payment with FP covering the cost for their own child(ren). Provider will need background check, first aid, provider number, etc, like all respite providers.			
*Placement of Sex Offenders in foster home	 #2 Placement of Sex offenders – issue of supervision – Rate assess doesn't capture all costs for foster parent. 1. FP have discussion with worker on services needed for that child, before FP takes child. A Safety & Supv. plan should be in place. Safety of other children in the home should be part of plan. 2. Ensure caregivers have had SAAY training (this is now included in Parenting Plus curriculum). 3. Is the placement the right match for the child and the FP? 4. Send info out to RAs to identify the special model homes and inquire on what kind of kids they take. (Becky) discussion on consistency around state. 5. Plan established for each child with supports identified as needed. 6. Regional teams to review consistency of practice. are supports in place? review protocols on decision making, how FP is selected and prepared for 	Becky – ask RAs to identify special model homes in their regions and what types of kids they take. Becky - coordinate with RAs the discussion on consistency in serving these youth across state		

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	 placement, what do we do to ensure safety of all children living in the home? Written protocols? Who's responsible to notify the community should be in the protocol. 			
3 North – *Availability of trainings	 Availability of evenings & wkend trainings. Arthur Fernandez-Supervisor, reported on Charted training plan for 2013. Reg. 3 advisory group has reviewed plan. Available for 1624 members. Increased evening and wkend trainings. Special Topic trainings will also begin to fill in for available night/wkend trainings. Tool is very well done-work to expand to all regions. 	Meri send out chart to all members.		9/6/12
*Unintended Consequences of Concurrent Planning/Perm. Planning	 Concurrent Planning/ Permanent Planning: Clarification needed-this is required process in CA practice and must be specifically addressed. Issue for many FPs - not just in CPA families. Happens in initial stages of child's placement. Timing: Discussion of permanency and permanent resource for child at 1st visit. Sometimes poorly timed discussion about perm. plan for child and language confuses caregivers without sufficient understanding on part of FP. 	Becky: work with RFTI on development & request updated training for regions beginning with Region 3 beginning with Region 3		

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	 Ensure CA messages the need for foster parents of all types. ASFA requires child welfare agency to discuss all permanency goals: Reunification, Adoption, Guardianship. Discussion allows SWkr to meet compliance and FPs to participate in discussion and share their perspective on caring for child. Is this discussion coming too soon? – when child is first placed in care? CA must ask question to ensure compliance with law; fully informs the FP, but doesn't force FP into plan they aren't willing to support. Training needed at social worker level – start in Region 3 with updated discussions expand to other regions work with RFTI on development. Becky 			
Reg. 2 South – *Different levels of payment	Joel –Youth discharging from group care/residential facilities in/ out of state with major issues. They are then placed back with the previous FP or with fps with special skills. Rates and process are not consistent in assessing the needed level of care. Rate Assessment (RA) begins at Level 1; CA also authorizes back pays on the RA's determined level of care reimburses the FP. Actually talking about what should be a level 5 youth (not BRS, etc).	Becky to identify Work Group (initial names; Barb Geiger, RA and supervisors) Debriefing meeting requested note to Becky inquiring if Foster Parent will		

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	Workgroup needed – for several issues.	be on the work		
	Timely RA	group?		
	Timeliness of payment,			
	Exceptional cost plans,			
	Special supervision,			
	FPs report this is a statewide issue. Families and			
	agencies can be licensed as staff residential facility			
	and the WAC was developed for these youth. If			
	families want to be authorized as a staffed residential,			
	there are codes that can cover this.			
	kids they care for. Start with how to address issue.			
	Workgroup members will be identified by Becky.			
DLR/CPS	For DI D licensing violetions there is no similar level of	Send out and		
violations –	For DLR licensing violations there is no similar level of appeal like under CAPTA for DLR/CPS violations.	Share Information		
CAPTA reviews;	appear like under CAFTA for DEN/CF3 violations.	John and Meri		
Process for	The FP can request a review through DLR, beginning with			
licensing	the AA up to DLR Director for DLR licensing violations.			
violations?	1			
Reg. 2 North	Information from April meeting -still concerns about DLR	John discuss		
*Ways for FP	applications. Once applications submitted to DLR	issue with DLR		
liaisons to get	licensing, there isn't a clearly defined process to generate	Administrators –		
contact info on	information to the Contractor's liaisons to begin support.	Share info back		
prospective and		with 1624 and to		
existing	John will follow up on issue with DLR Administrators.	Rec. & Retent.		
families.		Liaisons.		

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	 Workload issue within the regions. Response shared within CA and with Rec. & Retent. Liaisons. 			
*Touching Base and RDA survey similar?	 Touching Base and FP Survey Questions presented with handout. Touching Base Calls: are designed with 5 questions (see handout from July meeting). They are regionally based with follow-up by regional staff. They focus on current situation of foster parents: How are things going Any concerns with child I can help with Any support you need, we can help with Current issues you need help resolving Anything else you want me to know? FP Survey Questions asks about identified period of past time: child placement within the past 5 months. Adequate support in last year in role of FP Treat like part of team, do you get help when you ask for it, do Swkers listen to you input? Are you included in meetings about child? What could CA and your social workers do well to support you? What could CA and your social workers do better to support you? 	None		

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	 Training over last 3 years, has it prepared you to care for basic needs of foster children, has training been helpful, how could it be improved. 			
Reg. 1 South	 Social Workers not returning phone calls Need for regional support on 1624 work in Reg. 1 South Marty will work on Region One South concerns within the Region. 	Marty – report back October		
Reg. 1 North *Develop list of summer activities for fos. Youth. "TIPS" on safety for caregivers *updating letter on signing for immunizations	Summer activities – Develop reminders for FPs on taking youth out on "high risk" activities to update FPs. Meri and Cindy, Shala Crow will participate Randy Robert, Thomasenia James. Meri is lead. Immunizations report (Michelle B) letter to providers updated to highlight RCW and WAC references and is in final stages of clarification and changes. Should be complete by end of August. The letter is written to medical providers and helps for foster parent to carry with them. Letter is developed to help address a question from the provider. FPS already now have the authority to consent to routine immunizations (per WAC, Policy). Update of Steve Hassett, AAG memo. Broad info on distribution will help make this available to foster parents.	Meri Lead – set 1 st meeting. (pending)		
CA *watch for August Notice of CAFPT			Letter from Denise went out August 27th. Regions	

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nominations and elections beginning in August.			working on nomination forms.	
FPAWS *Respect	Document on Respect/Disrespect shared by FPAWS Subgroup identified to review and propose suggestions on how to address issue. Becky requests 3 CA Regional Reps to participate & DLR rep.	Meri sends out e-mail to call work group together. FPAWS rep, Shala, Talya, Tess, Josh, Joey Charlton, Kathy Ramsay, Peggy Hays, Randy Roberts.		
*Rate Assessment	Rate Assessment (RA) RA should consider behavioral issues related to supervision needs; RA process isn't consistent and doesn't include this factor. Becky will work with RAs and reach out to FPAWS on who to have participate in the group.	Becky – lead in contact with Regional Administrators and with FPAWS for participation. Status report: October		